

**WASHINGTON, DC** - Congressman Rob Wittman will hold an open forum on Monday evening to discuss the status of the James River Reserve Fleet.

Along with Wittman, participants will include James E. Caponiti, Assistant Administrator for the Maritime Administration (MARAD), Congressman Bobby Scott, Senator John Miller, Delegate Glen Oder, and Councilman Bert Bateman. MARAD will report and take questions on its plans for future ship removals, the status of JRRF ships, their environmental risk, and the long term use of the fleet site. This meeting is open to the public.

Date: Monday, August 17th

Time: 5:00PM to 7:00PM

Location: Newport News City Council Chambers

2400 Washington Avenue, 1st Floor Annex

Newport News, VA

*Congressman Rob Wittman represents the First District of Virginia. He was elected to his first full term in November 2008 and serves on the Natural Resources Committee and the Armed Services Committee, where he is the Ranking Member of the Oversight and Investigations*

*Subcommittee.*